INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

TO Miss Edna Voss (Att. Miss Florence Goddard)
FROM L. H. Tribus **DATE** May 1, 1947
RE: Haines, Alaska - Erik Oslund Lease

NATIONAL AND WOMAN'S MEDICAL
MAY 2 1947

Please be advised that the Erik Oslund lease has now been signed by both parties and we have the original in our files.

For your information the lease is dated March 26, 1947 and runs for a period of five years commencing May 1, 1947 and ending Apr. 30, 1952. The rental is $100.00 per year, payable in advance on May 1st. Rental for year May 1, 1947 to Apr. 30, 1948 has been received.

L. H. Tribus

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

TO

FROM DATE

RE:

- HAINES HOUSE -
Rental of farm land

20 acres - owned by Mr. Benedict Waiczumas, Alaska Pioneers' Home, Sitka, Alaska - for one year from March 4, 1947 - $50 per year.- See letter from Mr. Knight, Superintendent of Home, February 26, 1947

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Haines

AIR MAIL

May 5, 1947

My dear Miss Miller:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 26 in regard to the land which you are renting for farm purposes. We are making note of the fact that the date of the beginning of the rental period is March 4, 1947. We understand that the agreement covers rental for one year from that date at $50 a year which amount has been paid in advance.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant in the Unit
Educational and Medical Work

Miss Isabel Miller
Haines House
Haines, Alaska
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Haines House

Haines, Alaska

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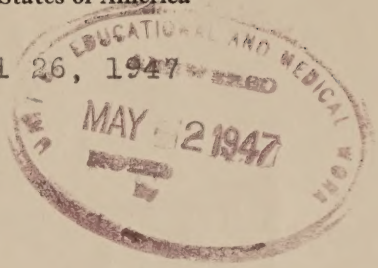
Isabel Miller, Executive

April 26, 1947



Miss Florance M. Goddard;
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N. Y.

My dear Miss Goddard:

I saw Mr. Knight in Sitka regarding the renting of the land at 18 Mile, but since I was not able to see him in his office, I have only a verbal agreement that the rental period begins at the time when the payment check was dated. We do not have that exact date, but our request is dated March 4, 1947, and we shall consider that the date if it is satisfactory with your office. Since we shall need the land for summer growing and for winter storage of hay, we shall expect to vacate it by that time providing we are not able to arrange for another year's rent by that time. If we do, we shall take care to have it in correct form.

Very sincerely yours,

Isabel Miller

Isabel Miller

April 10, 1947

My dear Miss Miller:

Thank you very much for sending us Miss Fisher's letter with your post-script answering our questions in regard to the rental of the farm land at Haines. Your explanation of the need for this land is entirely satisfactory and Miss Voss approves of your renting the property.

Under the circumstances, we shall not require a lease, but would ask you to let us know when the rental period begins.

We understand that you expect to be in Sitka in the near future and that you will secure this information at that time.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant in the Unit
Educational and Medical Work

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Miss Isabel Miller
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March 29, 1947

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Miss Florence M. Goddard, Assistant
Unit of Educational and Medical Work
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

My dear Miss Goddard:

Miss Miller is still on vacation so I will try to answer your questions regarding the property rental referred to in your March 18th letter.

In January Miss Miller discovered through questioning people in town that Mr. Benedict Waiczumas owned the twenty acres of land at Eighteen Mile which had been farmed by a friend of Mr. Nowell's this past summer. They decided that since the friend had gone to the States and the land was not being used we might be able to rent it to supplement our too small parcel of land for this year. I do not know if Mr. Nowell's friend rented the land or, since he is homesteading at Eighteen Mile, he used all of the cleared land surrounding his homestead site. The owner, Mr. Benedict Waiczumas called "Russian Ben" is a very old man at the Pioneer's Home in Sitka. Mr. Wm. Knight, Superintendent of the Home wrote the letter for Mr. Waiczumas.

Outside of the campus playground we have about five acres of cleared land which is about equally divided between garden and pasture land. Some of the ground used for a potato patch is so low and wet that the yield is very small, and not good potatoes. Mr. Nowell would like to plant oats, cow peas, and potatoes at Eighteen beside harvest the hay. The hay alone will pay the rent on the land several times.

Cppies of the enclosed letters will give you more information. If this is not sufficient information, I am sure Miss Miller will be glad to tell you more.

Sincerely yours,

Office Assistant

Encl.

P. S. Miss Fisher did not mail this before she left for vacation yesterday because she could not find our letter of February 10th. It contained no special terms except to ask to rent the land by the year rather than by the month as Mr. Knight had suggested first. In former years, I am told, we rented hay land nearer town which is no longer available. When you look at the amount we have had to spend for hay this winter, you will understand the value of securing a good local supply. When I am in Sitka next week, I shall see Mr. Knight and secure in writing when the year begins, etc.

Sincerely yours,

Isabel Miller

Isabel Miller

March 4, 1947

Mr. Benedict Waiczumas
Alaska Pioneers' Home
Sitka, Alaska

Dear Mr. Waiczumas:

We are indeed happy to know that you will accept our offer and rent us your property at 18 mile for a year. We are writing today to our office in New York asking them to send you a check for $50.00 as quickly as possible.

Thank you very much for this concession. Will you kindly thank Mr. Knight for his cooperation and help?

Sincerely yours,

Isabel Miller
per Office Assistant
O. Fisher

Copy for Miss Goddard

January 16, 1947

Superintendent of Pioneer Home,
Sitka, Alaska

My dear Sir:

At the request of our farmer, I am writing to you to inquire if it would be possible to rent a few acres of theland which we understand belongs to Mr. Benedict Waiczumas who is living at the Pioneer Home.

The land in which we are interested lies at Eighteen Mile on the Haines CutOff. We would like to be able to use the part suitable for hay, amounting to about 20 acres. Possibly there is someone here in Haines whom we should see with such a request instead of bothering you. If so, please let us know. Mr. Nowell and I are both new to this section and not sufficiently well acquainted with everyone yet. But we are both appalled at the price we have to pay for imported hay and wat if possible to make arrangements to harvest as much as we can locally for our mission dairy next year.

You probably already know that Haines House is a home for native children and operates on a limited budget and will understand our need to grow as much as we can. We would appreciate greatly the chance to rent this land and will be glad to pay a fair rent for it. Mr. P. B. Allen, who runs a dairy here in Haines, could advise you as to a fair price. We would prefer to haveit for from 3 to 5 years but would be glad for even one year.

Mr. Leslie Yaw of Sheldon Jackson can vouche for us and our institution if you want to check our reliability.

Very sincerely yours,

IsabellMiller

Note:

His answer to this which I cannot locate in the files stated a willingness to rent for one year, leaving the amount up to us, and asking that it be paid through him to Mr. Waiczumas each month. We were advised to offer $50.00 a year and wrote to ask if that was satisfactory and if we could pay by the year (thus assuring ourselves of the use of the barn for hay storage during the winter). Mr. Allen had previously offered them $100.00 a year for a five year lease.

J. I. M.

via Air Mail March 18, 1947

My dear Miss Miller,

Among the maintenance bills which you sent in, we find a bill for $50.00 for rental on the property which you have rented for hay and gardening. Ordinarily the Board would expect to sign a lease for property which is rented but since the amount involved is small, this may not be required. However, we should have more information about it, including a letter from the owner giving the terms. The letter which you enclosed is signed by Mr. Knight of the Alaska Pioneers' Home. Where does he come into the picture?

Please let us know whether thisproperty has been rented in past years. Since the Board owns so much land, we wonder why it is necessary to rent, but presume it is because there is no suitable cleared land on the Board's property. We would also like to know where the property is located and the size of the parcel. This letter which you enclosed, states that the rental period is one year, but does not indicate when the period began.

I am sorry to ask so many questions about this, but the Board does have to protect itself in all matter of this kind.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant in the Unit
Educational and Medical Work.

Miss Isable Miller
Haines House
Haines, Alaska

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ALASKA PIONEERS' HOME

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SITKA, ALASKA

Feb. 26, 1947.

Miss Isabel Miller
Haines House
Haines
Alaska.

Dear Miss Miller;

After discussing the matter as outlined in your letter of February, 10th., to Mr. Benedict Waiczumas, he is willing to accept your offer of $50.00 rent for his premises for a period of one year and which you wish to utilize in connection with your operations at Haines House.

So will you kindly forward a check in favour of Benedict Waiczumas to this office and I personally will see that he gets it.

Written on behalf of and the consent of Mr. Benedict Waiczumas.

Yours very truly,

Wm. W. Knight

Wm. W. Knight
Supt. Pioneers' Home

Copy sent to Treas as voucher

COPY for Feb. 5.

Mr. Tribus
Edna R. Voss

May 16, 1947

As I understand the Haines situation from our last conference in Washington it is:

1. That we accept the amount the Government offers since everyone seems to agree that we will get nowhere by protesting.

2. That we then make application to the office in the Interior Department (I forget its name but it is the one to which the War Department turns over surpluses for sale) for purchase of this property at whatever price the Interior Department puts upon it with the stipulation that we do so on condition that we be allowed 100% discount as a philanthropic organization.

I would suggest that you keep in touch with the gentleman in the Interior Department, possibly through Mr. Bartlett.

Edna R. Voss, Secretary
Unit of Educational and
Medical Work

Letter Faulkner to Tribus 5/13/47
suggested cer we accept 2675 and offered by Gov.
Tel. Tribus to Faulkner 5/16/47
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JOSEPH L. EGAN
PRESIDENT

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NIGHT LETTER

Prof Haines

May 16, 1947

Miss Isabel Miller
Haines House
Haines, Alaska

Sorry. Do not have copy of public school deed here. Stop. Consult recorder for Haines for information your telegram May 16. Also have recorder give you certified copy of this deed to send to our office here.

Edna R. Voss

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

Copy for Miss Voss

FAULKNER AND BANFIELD
JUNEAU, ALASKA

May 13, 1947.

Mr. Lucien H. Tribus,
Asst. General Counsel,
Board of National Missions
Presbyterian Church
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Tribus:

I have been away from Juneau for five weeks in the East. I attempted to go to New York twice but was unable to do so because of the lack of time. I had considerable work to do in Washington and in West Virginia.

We have not had any correspondence about the condemnation proceedings against the land at Haines sinee March.

I made every effort through Mr. Nock to obtain a higher price without the necessity of trying the case in court but it has been impossible to obtain any more than the amount deposited by the government. This amount is $2,675. and I would recommend that we accept that sum rather than go to the expense of having any appraisal and a jury trial for this expense would be considerable and there is a certain risk to it.

I wish you would write me air mail as soon as you receive this, authorizing me to accept the offer of the government and then we can take steps to have the proper judgment entered so that we can draw the money.

Very sincerely yours,

H. L. Faulkner

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A. N. WILLIAMS
PRESIDENT

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Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

FOR VICTORY
BUY
WAR BONDS
TODAY

NATIONAL ARMED MEDICAL
MAY 19 1947

May 16, 1947.

H. L. Faulkner,
Faulkner & Banfield,
Juneau, Alaska.

Accept amount government has on deposit in accordance your letter May 13th.

Lucien H. Tribus

Chge. Admin. Legal
Re-Haines, Alaska Prop.

Mr. Tribus
Edna R. Voss

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Edna R. Voss, Secretary
Unit of Educational and
Medical Work

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Herbert L. Faulkner Norman C. Banfield

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FAULKNER AND BANFIELD
Attorneys at Law

JUNEAU, ALASKA

Air Mail May 17, 1947

Mr. Lucien H. Tribus
Asst. General Counsel
Board of National Missions
Presbyterian Church
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Tribus:

I have received your letter of May 13th in which you enclosed a copy of a memorandum dated December 10, 1945 signed by Miss Voss with reference to certain property at Haines.

I would suggest that you first write to Miss Miller or whoever is in charge at Haines and bring this information all up to date.

In Miss Voss' memoranda she recommends certain leases and the removal of certain houses.

It may be that these houses have been removed or that the prospective lessees have changed their minds.

Then we would need a little better description of the property but we suppose it is all on your patented property at Haines.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Miss Miller together with a copy of Miss Voss' memorandum. If you will write her to bring the whole matter up-to-date we shall see what can be done.

This will also acknowledge receipt of your telegram of May 16th authorizing settlement of the Government suit against the Board at Haines. Court will be in session week after next and I hope to get the matter concluded sometime during that week.

Very sincerely yours,

H. L. Faulkner

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cc: Miss Miller

Copy for Miss Voss

May 20, 1947.

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AIR MAIL

Miss Isabel Miller, Executive,
Haines House,
Haines, Alaska.

Dear Miss Miller:

By this time you will have had a copy of Judge Faulkner's letter to me of May 17th. I am enclosing a copy of memorandum dated Dec. 10, 1945 from Miss Voss to the writer which sets forth clearly some of the problems which remain to be cleared up and which Mrs. Maurstad, your predecessor, was working out with Mr. Stabler. I have had no report as to what has happened with regard to the suggestions made by Miss Voss and I would like to place the entire matter in the hands of Mr. Faulkner. You will notice that there are a number of houses which apparently are illegally on our property and there are also included rents of which there is no record.

As soon as you have a chance, will you kindly let me have a report on each item listed in the memorandum and give Mr. Faulkner a copy of same.

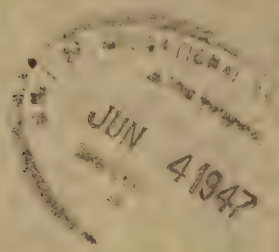
Sincerely yours,

Lucien H. Tribus
Asst. General Counsel

LHT/MT

Copy for Miss Voss

FAULKNER AND BANFIELD
Attorneys at Law
JUNEAU, ALASKA



May 29, 1947.

Mr. Lucien H. Tribus,
Board of National Missions
Presbyterian Church,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Tribus:

We have now had judgment entered in the case of the United States v. The Board of National Missions involving the Board of National Missions property at Haines.

This judgment was entered yesterday May 28th. I enclose a copy of the judgment.

The judgment directed the Clerk of the Court to pay over to the Board the sum of $2,675.00 which had been deposited as the price of the land taken by the War Department. The Clerk's check in the sum of $2,675. is enclosed. ($100.)

I also enclose a bill for our services in this matter. Sometime ago you wrote me to send you a bill for the work done on the Oslund lease but we have made no charge for that.

Very sincerely yours,

H. L. Faulkner

HLF
Encl.

Copy for Miss Voss

PWP
Haines
N.S.

HAINES HOUSE
HAINES, ALASKA

June 5, 1947.

Mr. Lucien H. Tribus
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York 10, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Tribus:

When MissGladfelter was here recently, we went over the Native lease problem and brought the sheet which she had like the one you sent up to date. I am continuing to work on the matter with more diligence than hithertofore. We spoke with Mr. Faulkner about it when we were in his office last week, and as soon as any more definite developments take place, I hall notify both you and him.

I am sorry to have been so slow in this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

Isabel Miller

Copy for Miss Voss

June 6, 1947

AIR MAIL

H. L. Faulkner, Esq.,
Faulkner and Banfield,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Mr. Faulkner:

Thank you for your letter of May 29th with enclosure of check from the Clerk of Court in the amount of $2,675.00, representing payment of the War Department of the United States of America for 26.837 acres of land at Haines, Alaska seized by condemnation proceedings instituted in the U. S. District Court, Division No. 1, Alaska.

You will find our check for $100.00 enclosed covering your bill of May 29, 1947 for legal services and expenses in connection with this suit.

Before closing our files in the above matter, there is just one thing more which I would like to bring to your attention. As you know this land was originally leased to the government. Lease No. W-3416-Eng-1434 covered approximately 22 acres and called for a rental of $75.00 per quarter. Lease No. W-3416-Eng-1435 covered 98,000 sq. ft. more or less at a rental of $1.00 per annum. The rent on the first lease (#1434) was paid to April 1, 1946. Will you please advise whether there is any possibility of collecting rental for all or part of the year April 1, 1946 to March 31, 1947. Will appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience regarding this matter.

We also take this opportunity of thanking you for the work you did for us in connection with the Erik Oslund lease, for which we note you are not making any charge. We appreciate your courtesy and cooperation.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Lucien H. Tribus
Asst. General Counsel

Encl. Ck.

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Copy for Miss Voss

FAULKNER AND BANFIELD
JUNEAU, ALASKA

June 9, 1947

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Mr. H. L. Tribus
Assistant General Counsel,
Board of National Missions
Presbyterian Church,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Tribus:

I have received your letter of June 6th with check enclosed for which I thank you very much.

In your letter you mentioned the two leases which the Government had for which they had not paid any rent since April 1, 1946.

It would seem to me that if they occupied theproperty after April 1, 1946 they should pay rent up until the time they seized it which was in August or September of 1946 so that there might be three or four months rent coming.

I shall take this matter up with Mr. Nock at Anchorage and see whether anything can be done.

Withkindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

H. L. Faulkner

HLF/amf

Mr. Tribus

Florence M. Goddard June 10, 1947

A short while ago Miss Miller of Haines House wired us asking the terms of the deed given to the Town of Haines covering a piece of property for the public school. Your office reported that no copy of this deed was on file and suggested that we ask her to secure a copy from the local county recorder . We now have the attached letter from Miss Miller together with a copy of the Quit-claim deed to another piece of property which was given by the Town of Haines in exchange for the school site.

Have you any suggestions as to how we can secure information regarding the property which was deeded to Haines/in 1924? Would some old minutes or records of the Board give this information? We would appreciate it if you would make a further search.

township

Assistant in the Unit
Educational and Medical Work

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COPY

HAINES HOUSE
Haines, Alaska

June 5, 1947

Miss Edna R. Voss,
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

My dear Miss Voss:

When your wire about the deed for the Haines School came, we asked the Commissioner in Skagway for a copy of the deed. She replied that the only deed recorded there was one for land deeded by the city to the mission. I asked for a copy of that, and at the request of Miss Gladfelter, I am sending it on to you for your office to file or return to me, whichever you think best. The charges were two dollars which I have paid. There is no record of the other deed in Haines, Skagway, or Juneau.

The land described in the enclosed deed is the site of our present farm house, I understand, and part of the old school building is still in that building.

Please let me know if I can do anything further about the other deed.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Isabel Miller
Isabel Miller

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

TO Miss Goddard
FROM L. H. Tribus **DATE** June 13, 1947
RE:

Referring to your memo of June 10th, please be advised that we will make a comprehensive search of our files to see if we can obtain any further information regarding the property which was deeded to Haines Township in 1924.

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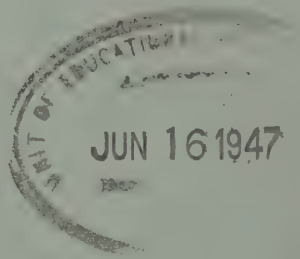
L. H. Tribus



Airmail June 13, 1947

My dear Mr. King:

Your letter of May 26 was presented to the Board at its meeting June 12 and I am happy to report that it took the following actions:-

"That the Board approve the request for a right of way across the Board's property for the extension of Third Avenue from the Haines Cut-Off Road to Main Street and that the proper officers be authorized to sign the necessary papers as soon as the Town Council has the funds in hand and is prepared to carry out this project;

That the Board express to the Town Council of Haines its sympathetic interest in the proposals for the further development of Haines and its desire to cooperate with the Council in every possible way that is consistent with the Board's missionary responsibility but state that action cannot be taken on the proposals for the widening of Main Street and the sale of lots for business purposes until a final disposition has been made of that portion of the Board's property recently condemned by the War Department and until consideration has been given to the possible effects of these proposals upon the Board's missionary work; and that these proposals be referred to the Alaska Advance Program Committee for study and report".

In sending you the formal actions above, I would like to emphasize the spirit of interest which prevailed in the Board as it considered your requests and the evident sympathy with the problems with which you are struggling.

Very sincerely yours,

Edna R. Voss, Secretary
Unit of Educational and
Medical Work

Mr. Leonard King, Mayor
Haines
Alaska
ERV:cer cc: Miss Miller

June 3, 1947

FOR THE CABINET OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MISSIONARY OPERATION
AND BOARD

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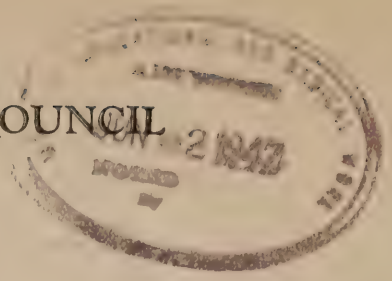
HAINES COMMON COUNCIL

HAINES, ALASKA



May 26, 1947

Miss Edna R. Voss
Board of National Missions
156 Fifth Ave.
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Voss:

At a meeting held at the Council Chambers here May 16 attended by Miss Gladfelter, Miss Miller of Haines House, Reverend Fox, the Haines City Council and myself, we discussed at quite some length the possibility of some cooperation from the National Board of Missions relative to a project which would prove beneficial to both parties concerned, namely, the Town of Haines and the Haines Mission.

You are familiar with the property held by the Board here, a considerable portion which lies within the corporate limits of Haines and is non-taxable. You are also familiar with the fact that some of this property fronts on our main street and business section and prevents any further expansion of our business district. We are without mercenary intent in our demands but with an increased burden of school expansion, inadequate water and sewage facilities, street improvements, etc. we must have additional sources of revenue.

Our proposal has three distinct phases. First, we would like a strip of Mission ground twenty feet wide starting at the church and extending westerly on Main Street to the City limits for the purpose of widening this street. This is our main thoroughfare and is the narrowest street in town. Secondly, we would like to have this frontage on Main Street owned by the Mission divided into lots and sold in order to provide expansion and increased revenue to the Town. Thirdly, we would like to have a right of way through Mission property to extend Third Avenue through to the Haines Cutoff which would eliminate the necessity of climbing the steep grade at the east end of Main Street which is extremely hazardous in winter due to icing conditions.

There is considerable discussion here at this time due to the closing of the Native School. This is an unfortunate situation as we are unable to absorb these pupils in our public school due to lack of room. Enlarging our school would take capital outlay which we definitely do not have. The Territorial Government does not provide funds for school con-

struction within an incorporated town, hence the necessity for additional sources of revenue to provide adequate school facilities and public improvements. We are fully aware of the importance of sound education and the many advantages derived from a consolidated school system, but we are unable to cope with this situation. We do not have any industries here to speak of so it is necessary for the few people here to try and provide the necessary funds to conduct some semblance of a community. As the population is gradually increasing without additional sources of revenue, we are in a serious plight and it is highly probable that we will have to borrow money this year to operate our present school.

Dr. Jackman thought the logical solution was to divide the Mission ground fronting Main Street into lots and put them up for sale. We concurred with this opinion as this is highly necessary to our economy. Thanking you for your attention to this appeal and hoping to hear from you in the near future, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

Leonard King

Leonard King
Mayor of Haines, Alaska

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

TO Miss Goddard
FROM L. H. Tribus
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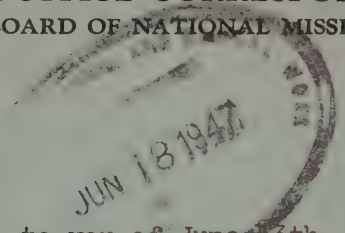

DATE June 17, 1947

Supplementing my memo to you of June 13th, I am attaching hereto a copy of Ordinance No. 32, signed by Carl Bjornstad, Mayor of the Town of Haines, Alaska, which contains a description of the property deeded by the Board of Home Missions to the Town of Haines and a description of the property deeded by the Town of Haines to the Board of Home Missions. I cannot find a copy of the deed from the Board of Home Missions to the Town of Haines, but it must be a recorded instrument, and certainly a search of the records of the Town of Haines would disclose this deed and we could have a certified copy made for our records. Apparently the transaction took place in October 1924.

If there is any way in which I can help you further I shall be glad to do so.

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L. H. Tribus

Airmail June 20, 1947

My dear Miss Miller:

Believe it or not, an extensive search of the Board's property files has produced only the enclosed copy of Ordinance #32 of the Town of Haines which contains a description of the property deeded by the Board of Home Missions to Haines together with a description of the property deeded by Haines to the Board. Mr. Tribus who supplied this writes, "I cannot find a copy of the deed from the Board of Home Missions to the Town of Haines, but it must be a recorded instrument, and certainly a search of the records of the Town of Haines would disclose this deed and we could have a certified copy made for our records. Apparently the transaction took place in October 1924".

We suggest that you show this Ordinance to Mr. King and then see whether he does not wish to take steps to locate the missing deed. In view of the improvements which the Town has made on the property deeded to it, they would certainly want to have the protection of a duly registered deed.

All of the above does not of course answer our specific question as to whether there was any provision in the deed about the Haines House children and the local school. Probably not, as the exchange of property only seems to have been involved in the transaction.

This copy of the Ordinance need not be returned.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter
Assistant Secretary, Unit of
Educational and Medical Work

Miss Isabel Miller
Haines House
Haines, Alaska
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ORDINANCE NO. 32

An Ordinance to authorize the Mayor of the Town of Haines, Alaska, to surrender the lease made by the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, to the town of Haines, dated May 4th, 1916, of a lot of land therein described, for School purposes for 6 years, and the land therein to the maker.

Be it Ordained by the Common Council of the Town of Haines, Alaska:

Section 1. That the Mayor of the Town of Haines, Alaska, be and he is hereby authorized and required, in consideration of the conveyance to the said Town of Haines, Alaska, by the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, of that certain tract of land in said Town of Haines particularly described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the north-east corner of block No. 3, at the junction of Main Street and Third Avenue, in the said city (town), of Haines, as shown on the plat of the Presbyterian Mission, Haines, Alaska, showing subdivisions as surveyed by H. P. M. Birkinbine, and dated December 11, 1915, (11-12-'15), and running thence in a westerly direction along the north line of said Block No. 3, to the north-west corner of lot No. 4, in said block, a distance of 155 feet; thence in a southerly direction along the west side line of said lot number 4 to its south-west corner; thence southerly along the line of said west side of said lot extended to a point 300 feet southerly from the said north west corner of said lot on Main Street; thence at right angles to the last line in an easterly direction parallel to the front line of said Block No. 3, a distance of 155 feet; thence in a northerly direction to the south east corner of lot No. one (1) in said Block 3; thence northerly along the east line of said lot No. one (1), in said Block No. 3, to the point of beginning; and being a tract of land One hundred and fifty five feet wide and three hundred feet long; - to surrender to the said Board of Home Missions aforesaid that certain lease and the land mentioned therein which said lease was made and delivered to the Town of Haines aforesaid by the said Board of Missions aforesaid by its written contract of lease dated May 4th, 1916, wherein said Board leased to the said Town, for the term of six (6) years that certain tract of land being in said town and particularly described

as follows: Beginning at a point in a westerly side line of the road between Fort Seward and Haines, which said point is marked by a stake made of iron pipe with a cap driven in the ground, approximately 627.1 feet south of the *south-west corner of the Fort Seward Road and Main Street in the Town of Haines, running thence south No degrees 07' east 109/3 feet; thence south 14 deg. 23' west a distance of 62.5 feet to another stake consisting of an iron stake with cap driven in the ground; thence along the said westerly side line of said road in a southerly direction a distance of approximately 35 feet to a point to be hereinafter indicated by a stake consisting of an iron pipe with a cap driven in the ground; thence west 80 feet to a like stake to be set as the said last mentioned stake; thence northerly 200 feet to a like stake to be set as aforesaid; thence east 100 feet to the place of beginning, and being the identical property mentioned and described in the said lease of said May 4th, 1916, as aforesaid; and the said Mayor of Haines is hereby authorized and required to make sign and deliver to the said Board of Missions the said deed of surrender of said lease of May 4th, 1916, and of all right, title and interest the said Town of Haines may have therein or in the lands and improvements thereon, including all buildings thereon, to the said Board aforesaid, in consideration of the conveyance to the town of the tract of land first above mentioned and described in this ordinance, for school purposes in the town of Haines, Alaska.

Ordinance introduced this 6th day of October, 1924.

Passed and approved this 6th day of October, 1924.

* deed reads north-east

Carl Bjornstad (signed)

Mayor Town of Haines, Alaska

Mr. Tribus

Florence M. Goddard July 3, 1947

Haines House Rental of Farm Land

We think you should have in your files a copy of this letter regarding the rental of a piece of land of about 20 acres at 18 Mile, Alaska, to be used by Haines House for farm purposes. When Miss Miller wrote of the arrangement which she had made, we raised a question about a lease but learning that the property was owned by a very old man living in the Pioneers' Home in Sitka, Alaska, it was decided that this letter from the superintendent of the Home giving the man's name and the terms would serve the purpose. You agreed that we need not secure a lease.

Assistant in the Unit
Educational and Medical Work

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Mr. Tribus
Miss Goddard

May 5, 1947

Haines House, Haines, Alaska

This is to let you know that Haines House is renting a piece of farm land of about twenty acres at 18 Mile, Alaska for use in connection with Haines House. Miss Miller wrote us of the arrangement and we raised a question about a lease. After learning the facts it was decided not to require a lease. This property is owned by Benedict Waiczumas, a very old man who is living in the Pioneers' Home at Sitka, Alaska. The arrangement was made through Mr. William W. Knight, superintendent of the Home. Attached is a copy of the letter from Mr. Knight giving the rental rate.

Assistant in the Unit
Educational and Medical Work

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ALASKA PIONEERS' HOME
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SITKA, ALASKA

Feb. 26, 1947.

Miss Isabel Miller
Haines House
Haines
Alaska

Dear Miss Miller;

After discussing the matter as outlined in your letter of February 10th., to Mr. Benedict Waiczumas, he is willing to accept your offer of $50.00 rent for his premises for a period of one year and which you wish to utilize in connection with your operations at Haines House.

So will you kindly forward a check in favour of Benedict Waiczumas to this office and I personally will see that he gets it.

Written on behalf of and the consent of Mr. Benedict Waiczumas.

Yours very truly,

Wm. W. Knight,
Supt. Pioneers' Home

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Miss Miller's acceptance of the above is dated March 4, 1947 which date is considered the beginning of the rental period.

Oct 4

Alaska Indians File Suit Again st White Men

DON'T WANT THEIR LAND EXPLOITED

Case Presented in Court of Claims by James Curry, Attorney

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—(AP)—Two Indian tribes went into court today to keep the white man from exploiting their ancestral domain in Alaska.

The suit was filed in the court of claims by James E. Curry, Washington attorney, in behalf of the Tlingit and Haida tribes made up of 6,000 natives of the Alaskan Panhandle.

They contend that lumber companies, fish canneries and mining interests have been stripping their land of resources which the Federal government promised by treaty to protect for their enjoyment.

The suit said the government has failed to enforce laws forbidding outsiders to trespass on Indian lands. In fact, the Indians contend that the government has taken or encouraged others to take most of the property without compensaion.

About 15,000,000 acres of a domain of 16,000,000 acres already have been lost, and the million other acres are being stripped of resources without regard to property rights, one suit says.

Curry suggested that the suit might serve to clear up confusion over land ownership in the Alaskan development.

Filing of the suit was announced by the National Congress of American Indians, whose Secretary Ruth M. Bronson, herself a member of the Cherokee tribe, said: "This is a red letter day in Indian history."

Curry said in a statement that the suit against the Government was authorized by a Congress "that wanted to see justice done between the Great White Father and his helpless wards."

"This act of Congress," Curry said, "was passed in 1935 and covered only damage done before that date. For damages done in the future, we expect to sue not the government but private parties that try to make away with native possessions."

INDIAN SUIT MAY BE SOLUTION OF TITLE PROBLEMS

Juneau officials of the Alaska Native Service and the U. S. Forest Service breathed a hesitant sight of relief over the news that Alaska Indians have filed a suit in Washington, D. C., to determine their rights to title of 15,000,000 acres of land in SE Alaska.

The sigh was emitted in the hopes that this suit will provide the answer to title problems which have plagued government officials for many years, and which have retarded the development and the growth of the Territory.

The officials expressed the belief that the suit will clear the air of the tension and clouds which have hung over the land situation during that period.

Don C. Foster, ANS Superintendent, said that he believed that the outcome will prove to the advantage of both sides. No one, however, has issued a prediction as to what the final decision on the suit may be. It is expected to be a hard fought case which will go all the way to the U. S. Supreme Court.

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October 7, 1947

Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N. Y.

My dear Miss Gladfelter:

I am enclosing a couple items which may be of interest. The picture which Mr. Machin took from our church shows several things besides the line of Canadian trucks ready for a freight boat. I have checked with ink three new buildings which are rapidly being finished, and there is another one across from Foxes which does not show. The nearest one in the picture is to be Powell's dry good store, but it has had to be built on skids because Mr. Powell was not able to buy any land on that side of the street nor to get more than a temporary lease. He again approached me about our land, and I told him that the Board was awaiting the eventual disposition ofthe condemmed land, and also the coming of the Committee on Alaska, and I assured him that he would have a chance to speak directly to that committee. But is it really coming? As for the sale of the condemned land, both he and Mr. Nelson say that there were men here doing the summer who said it might get on the surplus property list in about six months and in the meantime the tanks might be leased temporarly. So far that has not been the case and the Standard Oil people seem to have given up hopes, for they sent their boat in here to construct two tanks for Mr. Oslund. That makes Mr. Nelson and Mr. Oslund more than ever eager to buy the land they are leasing. They, too, are askingabout the Committee.

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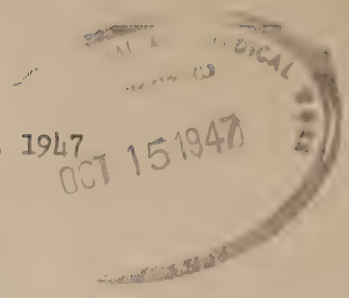

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I told Mr. Machin to made his request in writing, being very exact in his terms, and gave him your name. He may however bring his letter for me to send. I suggested that he send a copy to Mr. Faulkner, too, since you might be glad of his advice regarding the value of land in Haines. I warned him of the many complications involved in buying our land and also of the time it takes a big organization to act, but I told him I felt that an exact and reasonable request was a step in the right direction.

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(Signed) Isabel Miller

Miss Koerner - Unit of Work in Alaska
Miss Voss

October 17, 1946

Thank you for the excerpt from Mr. Fox's letter relative to the Haines House property. We have had much the same from Miss Miller and all of this has been turned over to Mr. Tribus who in turn has notified Judge Faulkner, our lawyer in Juneau, who is looking out for our property interests at Haines House.

Edna R. Voss

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Dictated by Miss Voss and
signed in her absence

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

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TO Miss Voss and Mr. Tribus

FROM Unit of Work in Alaska DATE October 14, 1946

RE: Recent information received from The Rev. Kenneth F. Fox, Pastor of our Church in Haines, Alaska

"I am quite disturbed again over our Haines House property. We have had surveyors here for something like two weeks surveying on our land. We have been hearing a persistent rumor that our Haines property is to be condemned and turned over to the army to be used as an airfield. This may be nothing more than a rumor but it seems to fit in with a general pattern. At least the Board ought to be very much aware of possibilities." (per Mr. Fox's September report to our Unit received October 4th)

Unit of Work in Alaska
per (Frieda Koerner)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Tribus October 17, 1947

FROM: Miss Gladfelter

In a recent letter from Miss Miller of Haines House relative to the property situation in Haines, she stated:

> "As for the sale of the condemned land, both Mr. Powell and Mr. Nelson say that there were men here during the summer who said it might get on the surplus property list in about six months and in the meantime the tanks might be leased temporarily. So far that has not been the case and the Standard Oil people seem to have given up hopes, for they sent their boat in here to construct two tanks for Mr. Oslund."

In connection with this statement, the following news dispatch which appeared in the New York TIMES on October 14 would seem pertinent:

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Has not the time come to make another contact with Washington and see what we can find out about our condemned property in Haines?

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HAINES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HAINES, ALASKA

OCT 27 1947

October 18, 1947

Dear Miss Gladfelter:

At the last regular meeting of the Haines Chamber of Commerce a motion was made that the secretary be authorized to offer the mission authorities five hundred dollars for the property opposite the theatre. An inside lot with a fifty foot frontage is what we desire. The motion was so ordered.

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You perhaps wonder what the Chamber of Commerce would want with this property. In answer to that, a major problem existing today in Haines is one of growing pains. Slight at present but soon to become much stronger. It was agreed at the meeting that present land holders in Haines were asking outrageous prices for real estate, obstructing progress and they have discouraged any new businesses all summer. We feel that it is our duty as the Chamber of Commerce to seek new avenues of development or see the town grow outside of its present site.

The town of Haines has had bestowed upon it the blessings of geographical location which is being recognized by transportation as well as government interests. It must not be retarded by a few selfish people when so much could be done for the welfare of the entire area. If these people were suddenly made to realize that property would be available at a reasonable price, they may be willing to sell their present undeveloped property also at a reasonable price.

All this also raises another problem, one equally as important and to which much thought must be given. Should this land become open for sale, would these same speculators suddenly buy it all up and again continue to hold it for reasons of speculation? We must not let this happen at any cost. We thought perhaps some form of regulation could be put upon the sale of this land. One suggestion which is merely food for thought, is that some organization act in the capacity of advisers to whomever would be put in charge of the disposal of the property, making sure that the property would be put to some use, commercially or as a home. We would like to see that become the "new" part of town with new businesses and nice homes. We further suggest that a building code be established and above all not let any undeveloped portion grow high in marsh grass.

Your immediate reply to this letter would be greatly appreciated and we sincerely hope it is favorably received with possibly some added advice or suggestion which may have been overlooked.

Most sincerely yours,

A. M. Machin

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Secretary

cc: Miss Miller

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/s/ A. M. Machin, Secretary

cc:Miss Miller

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mr. L. H. Tribus

FROM: Katharine E. Gladfelter October 24, 1947

Attached is a copy of a recent letter from Miss Miller of Haines House relative to the changing property situation in Haines. The inquiry from Mr. Machin to which she refers has not yet been received.

At the present time the Canadian boats are making regularly scheduled stops at Haines and are carrying supplies for White Horse and other towns in Western Canada which can be trucked in over the Haines cut-off and the Alaska Highway. This makes it possible to by-pass Skagway and to get the goods in at considerably less cost than via the railway out of Skagway which charges exorbitant rates.

While there is no certainty that the Haines cut-off will be kept open during the winter, it will evidently be in use a large part of the year and thus is bound to give a substantial boost to the economy of Haines. This is just what Miss Voss was hoping for a year or so ago when she urged that we delay any decisions as to the disposal of property in Haines.

It looks now as though the time is coming when we should make some decision as to future policy. Dr. Jackman indicated at the last meeting of the Alaska sub-committee of the Advance Program Committee that the Committee might go to Alaska in May. If such a trip is planned would you be able to accompany this group to look into the property situation at Haines and help us arrive at decisions? In this connection, we should, of course, know before May what is going to happen to the property which was condemned by the Government and whether or not the Board will be able to buy it back.

Katharine E. Gladfelter,
Acting Secretary, Unit of
Educational and Medical Work

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

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TO Miss Gladfelter
FROM L. H. Tribus
RE: Alaska property

DATE October 27, 1947

Thank you for your memo of October 24, 1947. I will be glad to go with the Committee in May providing conditions in my office will warrant my going. In any event I shall try to plan to go along. In the meantime I expect to go to Washington in the near future to check up on the property which was condemned by the Government.

Please be assured of my desire to continue assisting you in this matter in every possible way. I know we shall all miss Miss Voss very much but I am glad she has such a capable successor.

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L. H. Tribus

Mr. Tribus
Miss Gladfelter

October 23, 1947

I sent you recently a copy of a letter from Miss Miller relative to the inquiry from Mr. Machin of the Chamber of Commerce about the purchasing of a piece of the Haines House property in an effort to try to bring down some of the high prices in town. I am now attaching a copy of the letter just received from Mr. Machin. The situation obviously calls for a lawyer to protect the Board's interest so before I reply to Mr. Machin I should like very much to know whether it would be possible for you to go to Alaska next May with the Sub-Committee of the Advance Program Committee as suggested in my previous memo.

Katherine E. Gladfelter
Acting Secretary, Unit of
Educational and Medical Work

KEG:dsm
att -copy of Mr. Machin's letter

November 4, 1947

AIR MAIL

My dear Miss Miller:

Mr. Machin was finally heard from as you know from the copy of his letter which was sent you, so I am now enclosing a copy of our reply. We realize that this is not the answer which the Chamber of Commerce would like but it is the best that we can do until Mr. Tribus can get up to Haines and go into the various legal problems involved. I wish, personally, that Mr. Tribus could visit Alaska earlier than May, but if the committee does go then he should accompany them. If the committee does not go, he will have been delayed only a couple of months as he could not make the trip before early spring. In any case, a number of changes are now being made in the Treasury and in the Board's real estate holdings in the New York area, which require his presence here for the next few months.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter
Acting Secretary, Unit of
Educational and Medical Work

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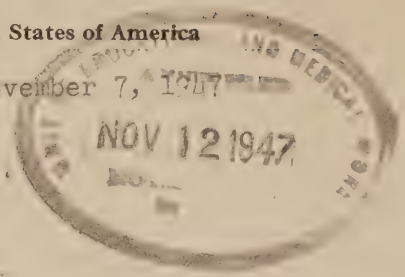

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My dear Miss Gladfelter:

Did I write you earlier about the difficulty which the Standard Oil engineer had with our inaccurate maps when he was trying to determine the exact location of the two new tanks which they erected on the land Mr. Oslund has leased? Now Mr. Nelson is going to the expense of having that part of our land resurveyed by a man who has done considerable surveying around here. Incidentally, Mr. Nelson finds that they really have very little land in that point since most of it is used up by road right of way, and they will have no space for the warehouse which they need so badly, that is, unless they can secure some additional land from us or Standard Oil is able to buy up the land with the big tanks when it goes on the market.

My purpose in writing, however, is to ask if we might not arrange for Mr. Muncaster to complete the resurvey of our whole property so that Mr. Nowell and I may be sure just where our boundaries lie, if the cost is not too great? Mr. Nelson says that onee having established the points necessary for surveying that small corner of our land at their expense, the rest of the survey should not cost so much. He is going to bring Mr. Muncaster in to talk about it soon, and if possible I would like to have your reaction before I talk with him. If not, I shall get his estimate and mail or wire it to you. Maybe your office has more accurate maps than we do here, but if not, and some land is to be leased or sold, we shall need to have the survey, and this seems like a good opportunity.

Very sincerely yours,

Isabel Miller

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November 13, 1947

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New York 10, New York

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We are writing to again ask permission to rent the land at 18 mile for next year. We feel that the produce from this tract of land has more than paid the $50.00 rental. Mr. Nowell has turned in the following report:

Harvest at 18 mile:

1600 pounds potatoes
2700 pounds rutabagas
8 ton hay

We are working toward clearing some of our own land but fear it will not be ready for crops this year.

Sincerely yours,

Isabel Miller

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Isabel Miller, Director

Mr. Tribus
Florence M. Goddard

November 13, 1947

Just as Miss Gladfelter was leaving for the meeting of the Advance Program in Indiana, she turned over to me this letter from Miss Isabel Miller in regard to the survey of the Haines House property. Please let us have your advice concerning this.

Assistant in the Unit
Educational and Medical Work

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

TO Miss Gladfelter (Att. Miss Goddard)
FROM L. H. Tribus **DATE** Nov. 17, 1947.
RE:

I have carefully read your memo of Nov. 13, 1947 and Miss Isabel Miller's letter pertaining to a proposed survey of the Haines, Alaska property. In my opinion such a survey would be very desirable and I would suggest that you ask Miss Miller to ascertain the cost. This seems like a good opportunity.

L. H. Tribus

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Isabel Miller, Executive

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November 24, 1947

Miss Katharine E. Gladfelter,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York 10, N. Y.

My dear Miss Gladfelter:

When I wrote to you on the 7th about the possibility of having Mr. Muncaster make a resurvey of our land, I hoped to be able to write again or to wire before authorizing him to do the work, but the approach of winter, and the fact that he could not accurately estimate the cost until he had done part of the work of finding the line, made things move differently than I had planned.

We had heard rumors that the Vets Co-op in repairing the big dock had cut some of their piling on our land, and when Mr. Muncaster began to establish our boundary between corners 2 and 3, he found the freshly cut stumps. So last Monday, Karl Ward and I walked that line in the company of Mr. Muncaster and Major Heinmiller, whom, I understand, heads up the financial part of the Port Chilcoot organization. Mr. Heinmiller said that they had been told, by the Land Office I think, that there was some government property between the Post property and ours, and thinking that they might be cutting on that strip, they had written into Juneau for clearance, and that he had also mentioned to Mr. Fox his desire to clear up the rumor of them being on our property, and if that be the case to make payment of damages. One reason for thinking they were on government land was the number of stumps which they found that were only three or four years old. Evidently the Army did some cutting on our land, with or without permission, but so far as I know there is no record of that in this office. Possibly Mr. Tribus has a record of a cutting permit. At any rate, it is of real value, I think, and a great relief to me, to have walked this boundary line with the adjacent property owner in the presence of the surveyor so that there can be no future mistakes. Not only the line and Corner 3 are of interest to the Post people, but also Cor. 2 and the way our line extends on-to the beach since they plan to make further use of their section of the beach.

Mr. Muncaster spent three days with a helper re-establishing our line and cutting brush along part of the blazed line in addition to the time it had taken him to establish Corner 2 and work out details at the expense of Mr. Oslund on the part which he is leasing (and hopes to lease). Our share of the costs are $20.00, which are not exorbitant, I think, considering the fact that when Mr. Tribus asked Mr. Faulkner to have Corner 2 surveyed last fall, the surveyor in Juneau asked $600.00 for the job. I am paying this bill by local check and shall hold the voucher until we have instructions from you or Miss Goddard as to how to charge it. I questioned Mr. Muncaster about the cost of the resurvey from Corner 3 to Corner 4, and He thinks it would take about two days and thus cost $60.00. Please let me know it you wish that done, and if so, he may be able to get it done before there is too much show.

As for damages to be paid for the piling which the Post cut, I made an agreement with Mr. Heinmiller, subject to your approval, that we would be willing to apply the amount due us on our dockage bill. He and I counted the stumps, and I think Mr. Powell will take a recount and mark the stumps and also estimate the heighth of the trees cut before we make the settlement. I went to Mr. King to find out the price of piling stumpage, and he showed me his agreement with the government which calls for 1¢ or 1½¢ a linear foot, depending on whether trees were over 96 feet or not. At that rate the amount due us will be about $35 or $40.00, I think. Please let us know if you approve of this settlement, or not.

Very sincerely yours,

Isabel Miller

Isabel Miller

copy for Mr. Tribus
sketch enclosed.

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November 24, 1947

My dear Miss Miller:

Our reply to your letter of November 7 has been held up because we wished to consult Mr. Tribus who has been out of the office. He agrees with us that since Mr. Nelson is going to the expense of having a survey made of that part of our land which is leased to him we should, provided the expense is not too great, have a complete survey of our property made. We suggest therefore, that you secure an estimate for us from Mr. Muncaster.

Very sincerely yours,

Katharine E. Gladfelter,
Acting Secretary, Unit of
Educational and Medical
Work

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Miss Isabel Miller
Haines House
Haines, Alaska

AIR MAIL

November 24, 1947

My dear Miss Miller:

I have consulted Miss Gladfelter about your letter of November 13 in regard to the rental of the farm land at 18 Mile. Since this arrangement received approval last year, Miss Gladfelter sees no reason why you should not go ahead and make the same arrangement for the coming year. She says that she saw the land when she was in Alaska and felt that the rental was a very good proposition.

Since we shall not arrange for any lease, we suggest that you secure a letter from the Superintendent of the Pioneers Home covering the terms of this rental as you did last year.

Very sincerely yours

Florence M. Goddard
Assistant in the Unit
Educational and Medical Work

Miss Isabel Miller
Haines House
Haines, Alaska
FMG:dsm

AIR MAIL

December 4, 1947

Dear Miss Miller:

I have just talked with Mr. Tribus over the phone relative to your letter of November 24 and he is very much pleased, as were we in this office, to learn that Mr. Muncaster had already established the boundary line between Corner 2 and 3 and that the cost would be only $90. Because of his reasonable charges Mr. Tribus feels, and I agree with him, that we should ask him to establish the entire boundries of the Home property.

Judging from the cost to date, that is $90 for the work already done and $60 for the proposed survey from Corner 3 to Corner 4, the total cost should not be more than $250 to $300, possibly even less. We are ready to authorize this expenditure, therefore, if arrangements can be made.

Mr. Tribus and I think that your suggestion that damages due the Board for the piling which the Post cut on our land be applied on the amount due on the dockage bill is a simple and direct way to handle the question. Before any final settlement is made, however, he suggests that you send us a statement of the agreement so that he may look it over.

Very sincerely yours

Katharine E. Gladfelter
Acting Secretary, Unit of
Educational and Medical Work

Miss Isabel Miller
Haines House
Haines, Alaska
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cc - Mr. Tribus

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December 27, 1947

Port Chilcoot Terminal
Haines, Alaska

Gentlemen:

I am sorry to have delayed so long in presenting our bill for the trees which were cut on our property and uded for piling at your dock.

On a recount Mr. Nowell and Mr. Ward found that 46 trees of piling size had been cut as well a several smaller ones. Mr. Carl Tagg judged that those cut for piling would average 60 feet apiece. Mr. Leonard King's government contract for piling stumpage calls for 1¢ per linear foot, and although he says as private owners we have a right to set our own price, I feel that since the dock is of public value and the cutting was accidental, we should take the amount asked by the covernment for piling cut on public lands. We trust, however, that additional trees will not be cut.

Our New York office is willing that we collect the amount due us in the form of wharfage credit, and we trust that that will be a satisfactory arrangement with you. Our lawyer has, however, asked the pribilege of inspecting the agreement before we sign it. So if this arrangement meets with your approval, I would appreciate having you draw up an agreement allowing us wharfage credit in payment for:

46 trees of 60 feet each or 2,760 linear feet @ 1¢
or $27.60

Very sincerely yours,

Isabel Miller